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LETTER DATED 31 OCTOBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GUINEA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, I have the honour to write you today to register our deep concern about recent credible reports concerning the subregional arms control agreement, an integral part of the Dayton/Paris Peace Agreement for Bosnia and Herzegovina, in particular the fact that the Serbian entity of Bosnia and Herzegovina is not complying with its obligation under the arms control regime and is not cooperating in good faith with its obligations in implementing the agreement.

Recognizing that the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is responsible for the implementation and verification of the arms control agreement negotiated in Vienna and concluded in Florence, the States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference would like to stress the importance they attach to the full implementation of all aspects of the Dayton/Paris Agreement, as well as to the utmost importance of this aspect, as a vital confidence-building measure, in establishing regional stability.

In this regard, the Organization of the Islamic Conference fully supports the efforts of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to ensure full compliance by the Serbian entity with the letter and spirit of the subregional arms control agreement and stands ready to assist OSCE in achieving this goal as soon as possible.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference would like to take this opportunity to request that the President of the Security Council request an assessment from OSCE as to the level of compliance with this aspect of the Dayton/Paris Agreement for the information of the Council and for the Member States.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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at the United Nations